

CHILDHOOD CANCER FACTS

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In the U.S., Cancer is the **leading cause of death** by disease in children.

<http://www.cancer.gov/types/childhood-cancers/child-adolescent-cancers-fact-sheet>



Worldwide, a child is diagnosed **every 3 minutes** with cancer.

<http://www.acco.org/us-childhood-cancer-statistics/>



Every day, approximately **250** kids around the world die from cancer.

91,250 kids lose their life to cancer every year.

The Lancet Oncology. 2013; 14 (3): e125-e135

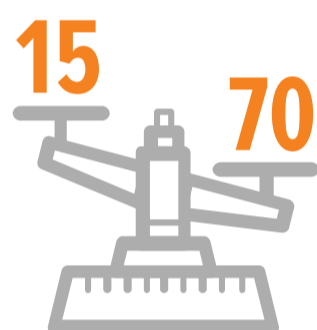


1 in 5 children are terminal at diagnosis.

CureSearch.org

Stats for childhood cancer are skewed. 90% survival rates do not include:

- relapses
- complications
- other cancers
- chronic illnesses caused by cancer treatments



There are **70** potential life years lost on average when a child dies of cancer compared to **15** potential life years lost for adults. The average age at diagnosis is **8** while for adult cancer, the average age at diagnosis is **65**.

http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/topic_med_age.pdf
<http://jnci.oxfordjournals.org/content/93/5/341.full>

DESPITE THESE FACTS, PUBLIC FUNDING FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH IS ALMOST NONEXISTENT.



The National Cancer Institute (NCI) uses only **four cents** of every dollar for cancer research for pediatric cancer.



About **60%** of all funding for drug development in adult cancers comes from pharmaceutical companies, and for children these companies spend almost nothing.

<http://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/budget/congressional-justification/fy2015-nci-congressional-justification.pdf>



Prostate cancer (average age at diagnosis: 66 years) receives more research funding from NCI than **all childhood cancers combined**.

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Since **1980**, only **3** drugs have been developed specifically for pediatric cancer.

<https://curesearch.org/>

Additional information in this statement was obtained from several reliable and authoritative sources.

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